

Kemp turns screw as friendlies loom

WYCOMBE Wanderers assistant boss David Kemp has momentarily taken over the reins at Adams Park while Alan Smith takes a swift week's holiday before the pre-season scene starts in earnest.

Kemp, the former Slough Town manager and Smith's assistant at Crystal Palace, will continue to make Blues' players break the pain barrier as they limber up for the start of the new season.

They begin their friendly trail against Poole at Hanworthy next Thursday, July 20 (ko 7.30pm).

The other pre-season fixtures are at home

to Ipswich on July 25 (ko 7.45pm) and Southampton on August 1 (ko 7.45pm) and away to Aldershot (ko 7.30pm) on July 27, Oxford City (ko 3pm) on July 29, and Reading (ko 3pm) on August 5.

■Graham Taylor has said he will bring down a full-strength Wolverhampton Wanderers side to play against Amersham Town at Chesham United's Meadow Park ground on Thursday, July 27 (ko 7.30pm).

The former England manager is Amersham's president.

A derby against Slough Town at Meadow Park on August 1 headlines Chesham's pre-season programme.